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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a copy of the document listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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